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DECLARATION

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Sir,

Georg Blaschke declares that:

1. I am the inventor of the pending claims 1, 2 and 4-7 of the above-identified patent application.

2. Prior to April 13, 2001, I filled out an invention disclosure form (Exhibit A) describing a twistshifter for a bicycle including a housing element and an actuating element that are fixed together with a locking device, as described and claimed in the invention and delivered it to the Patent Department of SRAM Deutschland GmbH.

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Drawings of the present invention were attached to the invention disclosure form. A translation of the invention disclosure is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

3. As seen and/or described in Exhibits A and B, the twistshifter includes a housing element, an actuating element having a limited angle of rotation and a locking device. The locking device includes a first latching element arranged on the housing element and a second latching element having a complementary shape for engagement with the first latching element and arranged directly on the actuating element. One of the first and second latching elements have a hook contour extending along a segment of a circumference of the twistshifter near a handlebar and the other of the first and second latching elements forming a cutout having a complementary shape to the hook contour and extending through one of the housing element and the actuating element. The disengagement of the first and second latching elements permits disengagement of the actuating element from the housing element.

4. The declared creation dates of each document included as Exhibits A and B are prior to April 13, 2001.

5. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made upon information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


Georg Blaschke

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